Supply of cement to Andhra Pradesh

80. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the actual requirement of cement in Andhra Pradesh and actual quantity supplied during the last three years, year-wise ;

(b) whether it is a fact that supply of cement to Andhra Pradesh during the last three years has been far below its requirements ; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons thereof and what action Government propose to take to meet full requirement of Andhra Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (c) The requirement, allocation and despatches of levy cement to Andhra Pradesh under the State quota including irrigation and power projects during the last three years have been as under :—

(Lakh tonnes)

Year	Total requirement received from the State Government	Allocation	Despatches	Percentage of despatches to allocation
1982-83	14.18	9.89	8.06	81%
1983-84	11.23	10.08	7.87	78%
1984-85	10.27	10.22	9.81	96%

Considering the limited overall availability of levy cement in the country, level of despatches to Andhra Pradesh was satisfactory.

Licences for manufacture of explosives

81. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) what is the criteria under the Explosive Rules for granting licences for manufacture of explosives ;

(b) what precautions are taken by Government under the Rules to check that the party applying for a licence will not misuse the licence;

(c) the details of the checks exercised by Government after granting licence that the manufacturer is not misusing the licence ;

(d) the details of such licences sanctioned during the last one year ; and

(e) the details of manufacturers who were caught misusing their licences during the period and action taken by Government against therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Grant of licences for the manufacture of explosives is regulated by Sections 6A and 6B of the Explosives Act, 1884. Detailed procedure for the grant of licences is given under Rule 154 to 157 of Explosives Rules, 1983.

(b) Before any licence to the manufacturer is given procedure/

precautions as laid down under Rules 154 to 157 of Explosives Rules, 1983 are taken into consideration.

(c) the factories licensed to manufacture explosives are inspected by the explosives Department to ensure that conditions of licences are complied with at all stages. Performances of the condition of licence is also monitored by that Department through periodical reports required to be submitted by the licensee.

(d) 18 licences were granted from January, 1985 till date for the manufacture of explosives.

(e) No instance of misuse of licence by manufacturers of explosives has come to the notice of the Explosives Department.

Licences for setting up Industries in Andhra Pradesh

82. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during 1984 and 1985 Government had received about 190 applications from Andhra Pradesh for setting up new industries;

(b) if so, what are the details of such industries and which of them have so far been cleared;

(c) the reasons for delay in clearing the applications or for rejecting them;

(d) by when all the applications are likely to be cleared; and

(e) how many of these industries are in the backward areas of Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (d) During the years 1984 and 1985 (upto 31st October, 1985) 459 Industrial Licence applications, for the grant of Letters of Intent were received for setting up of industries in Andhra Pradesh. Of these, 136 applications have been approved. The details of all Letters of Intent/Industrial Licences issued to various applicants are regularly published in the "Monthly Newsletter" brought out by the Indian Investment Centre. Copies of this publication are available in the Parliament library. 247 applications were rejected. Various techno-economic factors, such as, demand and supply, capacity already licensed, export potential, availability of raw materials, locational constraints and viability of the scheme are taken into account while approving or rejecting an Industrial Licence application. Grounds of rejection vary from case to case and are duly communicated to the applicants as well as to the State Governments concerned. It is the constant endeavour of the Government to dispose of all the Industrial Licence applications as expeditiously as possible. With this end in view, the procedures have been streamlined.

(e) Out of 459 Industrial Licence applications, 314 proposals were for backward areas.

Setting up of Supreme Court Bench in South

83. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a final decision to set up a Supreme Court Bench in the South; and

(b) if so, what are the de tails thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. No proposal in this regard has